

Application No. 09/932,050

Response dated March 28, 2006

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 1, 2006

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 28 (first full paragraph on page 7), as amended in our Response of 12/17/04, with the following amended paragraph:

Here, the metal element or semiconductor element capable of forming an alloy or compound together with lithium is preferably a metal element or semiconductor element of 4B group and especially preferable is silicon or tin. The most preferable is silicon. These alloys or compound are preferably,  $\text{SiB}_4$ ,  $\text{SiB}_6$ ,  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{TiSi}_2$ ,  $\text{MoSi}_2$ ,  $\text{CoSi}_2$ ,  $\text{NiSi}_2$ ,  $\text{CaSi}_2$ ,  $\text{CrSi}_2$ ,  $\text{Cu}_5\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{FeSi}_2$ ,  $\text{MnSi}_2$ ,  $\text{NbSi}_2$ ,  $\text{TaSi}_2$ ,  $\text{VSi}_2$ ,  $\text{WSi}_2$ , or  $\text{ZnSi}_2$ , and it is possible to use an electrode formed by using these materials.